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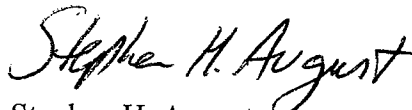
Re: NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-46

Dear Ms. Pieper:

On behalf of NSTAR Gas Company (the "Company"), I am writing to respectfully request an extension until Friday, September 23, 2005 for the Company to file responses to the Department's First Set of Information Requests in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Stephen H. August

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
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